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GUIDELINES FOR OPERATION DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Per Governor of Virginia Phase 3 Guidelines

PURCELLVILLE, Va., July 1, 2020 — Governor Northam issued Executive Order 67, yesterday, June 30, 2020, which outlines the specific guidelines for Virginia's reopening under Phase 3. The main changes under Phase 3 include the removal of restaurant and non-essential retail business occupancy caps, entertainment venues may open at 50% capacity, and pools and gyms may open at 75% capacity. Gatherings may include up to 250 people. Social distancing and disinfecting measures are still in place for each business sector.

Please refer to the full text of [Executive Order 67](#), as well as the additional [Business Sector specific guidelines](#) for questions. In addition, please remember that face coverings are required in public, indoor settings, with limited exceptions. Refer to [Executive Order 63](#) for additional face covering guidelines.

Entertainment and Amusement Businesses:

- Performing arts venues, concert venues, sports venues, movie theaters, museums, aquariums, zoos, fairs, carnivals, amusement parks, public and private social clubs, botanical gardens, entertainment centers, historic horse racing facilities, bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, trampoline parks, arts and craft facilities, escape rooms, and other places of indoor public amusement may open
- Total number of attendees (including both participants and spectators) cannot exceed the lesser of 50% occupancy, or 1000 persons
- Ten feet of physical distancing is required between parties at all establishments with physical activity, singing, or cheering; six feet of physical distancing is required in other venues.
- Install visible markers for queue lines that separate people by six feet of physical distance.
- Regularly clean and disinfect common areas
- Employees working in customer-facing areas are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times

Essential Retail (grocery stores, pharmacies, dollar stores, home improvement stores, auto parts stores and repair shops, pet stores, dry cleaners, banks, etc.):

- Must ensure that patrons can adhere to social/physical distancing
- Employers must provide face coverings to employees
- Regularly clean and disinfect common areas

Farmers Markets:

- Social distancing of six feet must be followed among vendors and patrons

- Employees and vendors must wear face coverings in customer-facing areas
- Must conduct regular cleaning and disinfecting of frequently contacted surfaces
- Vendors must supply hand sanitizer stations or hand washing stations for patrons and employees

Fitness and Exercise Facilities:

- Patrons must remain at least 10 feet apart
- Maximum 75% occupancy
- Must supply hand sanitizer or hand washing stations for patrons
- Must ensure cleaning and disinfection of shared equipment after each use
- Hot tubs, spas, splash pads, spray features and interactive play must remain closed
- Indoor and outdoor pool usage is allowed at 75% capacity; swimmers must remain 10 feet apart of other swimmers who are not in the same family

Non-Essential Retail (clothing shops, boutiques, etc.):

- Must ensure that patrons can adhere to social/physical distancing of six feet
- Regularly clean and disinfect common areas

Personal Care & Grooming Services (beauty salons, barbershops, nail salons, spas, massage centers, tanning salons, tattoo shops):

- Must have six feet of physical distancing between work stations
- Employees must wear face coverings
- Customers must wear face coverings while receiving service, business will provide face covering if client does not bring one
- Services are limited to those that can be completed without clients removing their face covering
- Regularly clean and disinfect contacted services every 60 minutes, as well as all personal care/grooming tools after each use

Professional, non-retail businesses:

- Encourage teleworking as much as possible
- Must ensure that employees can adhere to social/physical distancing
- Regularly clean and disinfect common areas

Religious Services:

- Individuals not in the same family must stay six feet apart when seated and practice proper social distancing
- Recommend face coverings for those attending services
- No items passed between non-family members
- Any items used to distribute food or beverages must be disposable and discarded after single use
- Thorough cleaning and disinfection of contact surfaces after each service
- Post signage with health reminders
- Any social gathering held in connection with a religious service is subject to the public and private in-person gatherings restriction of 250 people

Restaurants, Dining Establishments, Breweries, Microbreweries, Distilleries, Wineries, and Tasting Rooms:

- Patrons must adhere to social/physical distancing
- Occupied tables must be positioned six feet apart from other patron-filled tables
- Bar areas must remain closed, except for non-bar seating that is six feet apart
- No self-service food (except beverages, where allowed), including condiments

Recreational Sports:

- Indoor and outdoor recreational sport activities are permitted providing participants and organizers comply with the sector-specific guidelines
- Ten feet of physical distance among all those involved, except for incidental contact
- Total number of attendees cannot exceed 50% occupancy, or 250 persons
- Sports played on a field, attendees are limited to 250 persons per field

Restricted businesses that may NOT be open at this time:

- May not be open:
 - o Overnight summer camps are prohibited

****ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE IN-PERSON GATHERINGS OF MORE THAN 250 INDIVIDUALS ARE PROHIBITED.**

- Presence of more than 250 individuals performing functions of their employment (i.e. police officers, fire and rescue personnel, grocery workers, etc.) is not a “gathering”
- “Gathering” includes, but not limited to parties, celebrations, or other social events, whether they occur indoors or outdoors
- Individuals should still adhere to social distancing measures of remaining six feet apart

Read more at:

[Link to Executive Order 67](https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/executive-actions/EO-67-and-Order-of-Public-Health-Emergency-Seven---Phase-Three-Easing-of-Certain-Temporary-Restrictions-Due-to-Novel-Coronavirus-(COVID-19).pdf)

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[Business Sector](https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/governor-of-virginia/pdf/Forward-Virginia-Phase-Three-Guidelines.pdf) specific guidelines

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The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

“Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper,” is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 12th year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is ranked “Safest City” in Virginia in 2020. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the Town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer’s markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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